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SUBJECT: MALTESE DRAFT WORKING PAPER ON MEDITERRANEAN

REF: A. BELGRADE 4372, B. BELGRADE 4353, C. VALLETTA 0735, D. VALLETTA 0726, CONFIDENTIAL

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- 1. WE CONCUR WITH PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTION RECOMMENDED BY BELGRADE 4372 IN DEALING WITH MALTES DRAFT PAPER ON THE MEDITERRANEAN ISSUE AT CSCE.
- 2. WE WOULD ONLY ADD THAT THIS KIND OF SELF-SERVING APPROACH BY THE MALTESE WAS TO BE EXPECTED IN VIEW OF

THEIR PAST PERFORMANCES AT CSCE. IN ADDITION, MINTOFF'S ENJOYMENT OF HIS ANOINTMENT AS THE "ARCHITECT OF PEACE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN" DURING THE RECENT SOCIALIST CONFERENCE IN MALTA (REFTELS) CAN ONLY HAVE SERVED TO SPUR HIM ON AT BELGRADE.

3. THEREFORE WHILE WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO JUDGE TACTICAL SITUATION WITHIN CSCE CONTEXT, OUR OWN INCLINATION WOULD BE TO TAKE EVEN MORE NEGATIVE POSITION THAN SUGGESTED IN PROPOSED TALKING POINTS PARA 6 REFTEL A. POINT D OF THESE TALKING POINTS SEEMS TO US TO GRANT THE MALTESE INITIATIVE MORE VALIDITY THAN WE THINK IS WISE.

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